

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
SPECIAL REDISTRICTING PANEL

C0-01-160

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Rosenbloom, Victor L.M. Gomez, Gregory G.  
Edeen, Jeffrey E. Karlson, Diana V. Bratlie,  
Brian J. LeClair and Gregory J. Ravenhorst,  
individually and on behalf of all citizens and  
voting residents of Minnesota similarly  
situated,

ORDER

Plaintiffs,

and

Patricia Cotlow, Thomas L. Weisbecker,  
Theresa Silka, Geri Boice, William English,  
Benjamin Gross, Thomas R. Dietz and John  
Raplinger, individually and on behalf of all  
citizens and voting residents of Minnesota  
similarly situated,

Plaintiffs-Intervenors,

and

Jesse Ventura,

Plaintiff-Intervenor,

and

Roger D. Moe, Thomas W. Pugh, Betty  
McCollum, Martin Olav Sabo, Bill Luther,  
Collin C. Peterson and James L. Oberstar,

Plaintiffs-Intervenors,

vs.

Mary Kiffmeyer, Secretary of State of  
Minnesota, and Doug Gruber, Wright County  
Auditor, individually and on behalf of all  
Minnesota county chief election officers,

Defendants.

**BASED ON THE FILE, RECORD, AND PROCEEDINGS, AND BECAUSE:**

1. The Minnesota Women's Campaign Fund requests leave to file a brief as amicus curiae pursuant to Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 129, as it applies to the instant proceeding.

2. The purpose of an amicus brief is to inform the court of factual or legal matters that might otherwise evade its consideration, not to repeat arguments a party has already made. *State v. Finley*, 242 Minn. 288, 294, 64 N.W.2d 769, 773 (1954); 3 Eric J. Magnuson & David F. Herr, *Minnesota Practice* § 129.3, at 497 (3d ed. 1996).

3. The Minnesota Women's Campaign Fund proposes to submit a brief discussing gender issues surrounding the redistricting plans submitted to this panel, a topic that the parties to this case have not previously raised.

4. The panel wishes to maintain the briefing schedule set forth in its order of October 29, 2001.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. The request of the Minnesota Women's Campaign Fund for leave to file an amicus brief is granted.

2. The amicus brief shall not exceed the relevant length limit stated in Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 132.01, subd. 3.

3. The amicus brief shall be served and filed by January 11, 2002.

Dated: January 7, 2002

BY THE PANEL:

Edward Toussaint, Jr.  
Presiding Judge